

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the non-final Office Action of January 5, 2009. Reexamination, reconsideration, and allowance of the application and all presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this Fourth Response, claims 2-6, 8-10, 12, 13, 15-18, 20, and 22-37 are pending in this application. Claims 2-6, 8-10, 12, 13, 16, 17, 20, 22-26, 28, 29, 32, and 33 have been directly amended, and claims 1, 7, 14, and 19 are canceled via the amendments set forth herein. It is believed that the foregoing amendments add no new matter to the present application.

Response to §103 Rejections

Claims 1-3, 7, 8, 13, 17, 18, 21, 24-27 36, and 37 presently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as purportedly being unpatentable over *Delvaux* (U.S. Patent No. 6,777,305) in view of *Daruwalla* (U.S. Patent No. 7,058,007) and *Lowell* (U.S. Patent 6,282,265). Further, claims 5, 12, and 15 presently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as purportedly being unpatentable over *Delvaux* in view of *Daruwalla* and *Lowell* and further in view of *Renucci* (U.S. Patent No. 6,996,134), and claims 6, 10, 16, 20, and 23 presently stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as purportedly being unpatentable over *Delvaux* in view of *Daruwalla* and *Lowell* and further in view of *Obelode* (U.S. Patent No. 4,935,642).

However, claims 6, 10, 16, 20, 23, and 33 have been indicated as allowable if such claims are rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their respective base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants submit that claims 6, 10, 16, 20, 23, and 33 have been so amended, and these claims are therefore allowable. In addition, claims 13 and 17 have been amended to include features similar to those recited by allowable claim 33, and it is believed that claims 13 and 17 are allowable for at least reasons similar to those for allowing claim 33.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections and objections of claims 6, 10, 13, 16, 17, 20, 23, and 33 be withdrawn. In addition, each of the remaining claims 2-5, 8, 9, 12, 15, 18, 22, 24-32, and 34-37 depends from a respective one of the allowable claims 6, 10, 13, 16, 17, 20, 23, or 33. Thus, claims 2-5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 15, 18, 19, 22, 24-32, and 34-37 are allowable as a matter of law. *In re Fine*, 5 U.S.P.Q.2d 1596, 1600 (Fed. Cir. 1988).

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that all outstanding objections and rejections be withdrawn and that this application and all presently pending claims be allowed to issue. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding Applicants' response, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel.

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